

AREA 2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES for NOVEMBER 12 -13, 2009
Far Northern Regional Center, Chico

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anderson (11/12)
Marie L. Blair
Stephen Concklin
Colleen Ryberg
Steven Sharpe
Leroy Shipp
Mike Yalow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jean Phillips
Kimber Stanford
Larry Stevens

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, AB2 Ex. Director
Sarah May, LQA Project Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Wesley Brown, Parent (Shasta Co)
Laura Larson, FNRC
Stephen Martin, Parent & former Board
Member
Verdine Mertines, Family Member & TCCC
Chair
Diana Ramirez, SCDD Planning/Program
Specialist
Michael Rosenberg, AB3 Ex. Director
Margaret Shipp, Parent & REI Sec.

1. CALL TO ORDER – November 12, 2009 – 12:30p.m. - Leroy Shipp, Chair

- A.** Introductions – Leroy formally introduced Debbie Anderson (Plumas Co.), Marie Blair (Shasta Co.), and Stephen Concklin (Siskiyou Co.), newly appointed by their County Board of Supervisors to serve on the Area 2 Board of Directors.
- B.** Announcements - The Board decided to attend WTC's 55th Annual Turkey Dinner.
- C.** Public Input – Wesley Brown reported he has submitted his Governor's application.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Leroy Shipp, Chair

- *A.** Approval of November 12 -13, 2009 Agenda -

MOTION - That agenda be approved as written.

M/S/C - M. Yalow / S. Sharpe / Passed Unanimously

- *B.** Approval of September 10, 2009 Minutes -

MOTION – The minutes be approved as written.

M/S/C – S. Sharpe / S. Concklin / Passed Unanimously

Robin reviewed handouts. Since there was time, we viewed the 5 min. DVD "We Include" Larry Stevens copied for the Board. It was made by Maria Shriver about hiring people with D.D. It was very good! People talked about showing it to local businesses and employment programs.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING TRAINING – Michael Rosenberg & Diana Ramirez

Michael Rosenberg and Diana Ramirez described and facilitated an afternoon “Strategic Planning Process” training for AB2. The training model used was called “Think, Plan, and Do”

All 13 AB’s are completing this process. First, Robin reviewed AB2’s key 08/09 activities and projects under its state plan area of emphasis, as well as, a brief historical overview. For the remainder of the afternoon, Diana and Michael proceeded with a dynamic information gathering, input giving and training session with the Board.

The training session included: What We are Going to be Doing; Introducing Ourselves; Role of the Board; Purpose of Planning; Developing a Plan; Steps of Planning; Relationship between State Council and Area Boards; the Planning Process; Skills and Knowledge; and Homework.

Board introductions showed an amazing breadth of knowledge, experience and volunteerism possessed by our dedicated members.

The Strategic Planning Process ended with the “Do” Step including: AB2/SCDD staff draft’s a Strategic Plan; AB2 reviews plan (*Feb.*); staff change/edit plan; Public Comment period (20-30 days); AB2 reviews comments and change/edit if needed (*April*); AB2 approves final plan and sends to the community (*June*); implementation of plan begins. All 13 Area Board’s Strategic Plans will be included in SCDD’s new 5 year State Plan.

4. RECESS 4:30 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. FRIDAY, SAME LOCATION

1. CALL TO ORDER – November 13, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. - Leroy Shipp, Chair

A. Introductions

B. Announcements – Colleen Ryberg, Secretary, shared AB2 correspondence letter from BCCC Recognition Celebration Committee. The letter expressed appreciation to Robin Keehn for AB2’s continued support for the 14th Annual Recognition Celebration Dinner that occurred October 22, 2009!

C. Public Input – Nothing reported.

2. CHAIR’S REPORT – Leroy Shipp

Leroy shared concerns about his son’s post Taft College life, getting a job and finding a place to live. He also reported on his attendance at Dave Hingsburger’s Conference in Red Bluff, BCCC’s Recognition Celebration Dinner, an R.E.I Board meeting, Supported Life Conference in Sacramento and highlights of the last SCDD Board meeting. Leroy reported that the SCDD is committed to Special Education as an area of priority and will be creating

a Standing Committee to monitor Employment development and progress. Leroy shared that he will be involved in the "White Paper" development, supporting AB 287.

There was a long discussion about Special Education concerns and Robin suggested inviting Roy Applegate, Butte County SELPA Director, to an AB2 meeting to give a background and update on Special Education services.

3. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, FNRC Executive Director

Laura reviewed the impact of budget reductions to Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) and provided an update on the appeal process, including informal and formal Hearings. FNRC continues to encourage individuals and families to exercise their appeal rights. Laura provided information on current regulations and explained that the current law removed Authority from Regional Centers to purchase services and increased restrictions.

Laura anticipates an additional 3% cut in the budget for this year. She shared that FNRC has established contracts with community dental clinics and referrals must come through the service coordinators. FNRC, on a very short timeline and no CPP funding, will be moving the 10 consumers at Sierra Vista in Yuba City by November 30, 2009, as the facility has been closed. About 5 people will be come back to our region and the rest to other State Developmental Center's.

Valerie Jones will be retiring in December 2009, after 30 years of service to FNRC. A retirement party for her will be held at FNRC in Redding on December 18, 2009!

4. 2009-2010 SCDD MINI-GRANT REVIEW & SELECTION – ALL BOARD MEMBERS

AB2 received 13 Mini-Grant proposals this 09/10 fiscal year. The Board reviewed all applicants and after a lengthy discussion and rating process, the following were selected:

FNRC's - FOCUS Film Festival, October 2010 - \$2,000
Mains'l Services, Inc. - Portable P.A. System for Theatre in the Now - \$1,250.77
WTC's Joe McGie Center's - McGie's Six Packs - \$2,000
Horses Unlimited Inc. – Therapeutic Horseback Riding - \$1,500
Region 2 People First – Conference 2010 - \$2,000
TCCC's – Disaster Preparedness Education Event - \$1,250

MOTION – To approve the selected Mini-Grant proposals for 09/10 funding.

M/S/C – M. Yalow / S. Sharpe / Passed Unanimously

5. BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS – Leroy Shipp

Leroy reviewed the By-Law Committee's recommended changes to AB2's By-Laws.

MOTION – To approve the By-laws Committee recommendations.

M/S/C – M. Yalow / S. Sharpe / Passed Unanimously

6. EMERGING ISSUES/COMMUNITY REPORTS

Shasta County – Marie Blair reported on Shasta County Coordinating Council's (SCCC) 09/10 projects including a recognition event and a summit meeting with the 3 existing County Coordinating Councils. SCCC also reappointed Karen Bither to FNRC for another term.

Glenn County – Mike Yalow shared how much information/education he gained from attending the Supported Life Conference in Sacramento. He has been talking with Glenn Co. SELPA about the lack of housing for adult's w/DD. He will set up a meeting with SELPA, Laura, Robin and RCD. Transportation is also a big need. Mike wants to be proactive in Glenn County.

Butte County – Steven Sharpe reported on Gridley's People First Chapter and shared fundraising projects. The group continues to work in increasing membership.

Former Shasta County Representative – Stephen Martin was presented with an appreciation award for his service and dedication to AB2. A letter of support was also provided. Stephen shared words of thanks and appreciation to the Board!

7. ADJOURN 12:09 P.M.

NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 10-11, 2009 at FNRC in Redding